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## **DPS Director Names Chief of Nevada Highway Patrol**

24-year NHP veteran appointed to lead Division

Carson City, NV~Chris Perry, Acting Chief of the Nevada Highway Patrol, was named today as Chief of the Division by the Department of Public Safety's Director, George Togliatti. "I am very pleased to announce the selection of Chris Perry as Chief of the Nevada Highway Patrol. After nearly 24 years with the Division, his excellent law enforcement insight and experience will be a tremendous asset for our Department."

In his role as Chief, one of Perry's top priorities will be to conduct a fundamental review of all of the programs administered by the Nevada Highway Patrol to ensure that the Division is providing the highest level of service to the public.

Perry's last assignment was Chief of the DPS Training Division in charge of two academies in Carson City and Las Vegas and all in-service training programs for DPS civilian and sworn employees.

Chief Perry began his law enforcement career in 1982 as a Trooper in Las Vegas. Moving through the ranks, his last assignment with the NHP was as the Operations Commander for the Southern Command responsible for eight urban operations squads, four rural districts and three special operations squads totaling 133 personnel.

Perry earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Las Vegas and holds extensive law enforcement training certification, including Northwestern University, US Department of Justice, Defensive Tactics Institute and Nevada POST. He will earn \$110,000.00 as Chief of the NHP.

For more information on the appointment of NHP Chief Perry, contact PIO Kim Evans as 775-684-4554.

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